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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) The magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate.
2. (Previously presented) The magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1, wherein the compound is in a highly crystalline form.

Claims 3-13 (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1 or 2 as active ingredient in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14 further comprising one or more therapeutically active ingredients.
18. (Currently amended) A method of **inhibiting** [treating a] gastric acid **secretion** [related condition] which method comprises administering to a subject **in need thereof** [suffering from said condition] a therapeutically effective amount of the magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1 or 2.